WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Increasing the production capacity of coal washeries

†2388. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 1028 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the production capacity of coal washeries is proposed to be increased further in the country; and

(b) if so, the future plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for increasing the production capacity of the existing coal washeries of Coal India Limited. However, Coal India Limited is in process of finalising agreement for setting up of 3 non-coking coal washeries under Built-Own-Operate (BOO) basis for supply of washed coal to thermal power stations. CIL is also encouraging setting up of new washeries by the linked consumers or through private entrepreneurs after they enter into an agreement with the linked consumers for supply of washed coal.

Implementation of Supreme Court's directions by CIL

2389. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 4184 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court on the application filed before it for modification of its orders dated 29th April, 2002, passed an order on 13th January, 2003; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the CIL complied with the directions of the Supreme Court order dated 29th April, 2002; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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